

Pulaar language

Pulaar is a Fula language spoken primarily as a first^[3] language by the Fula and Toucouleur peoples in the Senegal River valley area traditionally known as Futa Tooro and further south and east. Pulaar speakers, known as *Haalpulaar'en* live in Senegal, Mauritania, the Gambia, and western Mali.

According to *Ethnologue* there are several dialectal varieties, but all are mutually intelligible.

Pulaar is not to be confused with Pular, another variety of Fula spoken in Guinea (including the Fouta Djallon region). The Pulaar and Pular varieties of Fula are to some extent mutually intelligible.

Pulaar is written in a Latin script, but historically was written in an Arabic script known as "Ajami script", and also the Adlam script. (see Fula alphabets).

Linguistic features

The negative accomplished verb form ends in *-aani*. (This is slightly different from Maasina Fulfulde and Pular.)

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Pulaar	
 <div>Futa Tooro</div>	
 <div><i>Pël</i></div>	
Native to	Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, The Gambia, Mali, Mauritania
Ethnicity	Fula people, Toucouleur people
Native speakers	4.45 million (2019) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senegambian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fula–Wolof<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fula<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pulaar</div>
Writing system	Fula alphabet
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	fuc
Glottolog	pula1263 (http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/pula1263) ^[2]

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